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All people have learning styles, even Einstein had one. Learning styles are people’s way of learning in a way that they enjoy. Learning styles are very important to helping us learn. I prefer a dim, quiet, and overall relaxed learning environment. Only you can know your learning style! If you know your learning style you can become a better student.

I learn in both visual and auditory learning styles. I do not learn in one specific one. I just have the skill to learn in both major learning styles. I cannot just learn by hearing, but I do not need to see everything I learn. It helps me a lot that I am both major learning styles. For example, one time in fifth grade we were taking notes on math and I did not need to look at the smart-board and I just wrote the notes by ear.

I prefer my environment to be dim with a small lamp, very quiet, and at about a 66 degree temperature .No matter what time of day it is I prefer dark because bright light makes me feel uncomfortable and nervous. One time there was a science test in fourth grade and the room was really bright. I got stressed and rushed and I got a bad grade on the test. I enjoy it quiet because loud noises distract me when working on something. Whatever season I feel comfortable in a cool temperature, because hot temperatures unnerve me and stress me out when working. I prefer to work in a relaxed environment.

When I work I prefer to have a comfortable office chair, a water bottle, to take only bathroom breaks, and to work alone. I prefer to work in a private “office-like” environment. I would rather have an office chair because the softness of the chair doesn’t make me hunch over while working like on normal school chairs, and it soothes me and helps me work. I prefer to have water because it hydrates me and helps me think when working. Without water I get hot and uncomfortable and squirm around in my chair. One time there was an essay we had to write in fifth grade and I was very thirsty and I could not concentrate. Eventually I ran to the water fountain to get a drink. I like to use the bathroom while working so I feel more calm and relaxed while working. No matter what I do not like other breaks because they distract and tune out my brain on what I was doing. I enjoy working alone. One time I had a partner and we got distracted and finished the assignment late.

I prefer to touch when I learn and I enjoy reading silently. I need to touch to learn, like in a hands-on experiment or on a map. I like to silently read, because it keeps my mind concentrated on my book, not something else. One time I was reading and whispering while reading and a bunch of other words got in my head and I lost track of where I was in my book. I like touching while I learn, because it helps me understand what I am learning better. Touching helped me learn in many subjects in fifth grade such as science and social studies.

One extremely important part of my learning style is what kind of classroom I am working in. I dislike a classroom where it is cramped, undecorated, and where the desks are really close together. I enjoy Mr. Baskin’s classroom because, it is large, the tables are not too squished together, and because there are maps and posters on the walls. A large room is more comfortable than a small room because I feel like I can stretch out and move around in a large room, unlike a small room. I prefer decorations such as posters and maps in a classroom, because they give me ideas and facts when doing a report or essay. They also keep me interested in the subject I am learning in the classroom. I enjoy having desks and tables not cramped together because, when they are cramped together I feel like I am crowded and that other people can look at your work and copy it.

I think that my views on my learning style have changed since I did my computer questionnaire. The computer got things wrong about me but’ also got some things right about me. I used to like sound when I work, but now I really do not. The L.S.C. report thought that I liked warm temperatures, but I really like cool temperatures. I do like cool temperatures, because one time in fifth grade there was a really hot day and I got a bad grade on a test that day. I am actually more conforming, but the computer said I was less conforming. Conforming means that you follow rules and what the teacher says. I always do what the teacher says and follow rules, because I have never gone to the principal’s office or got in major trouble with a teacher. That proves that I am a conforming person. The computer was right when it said I preferred less authority and structure, dim light, less variety, and that I have a mixed sense about furniture when learning. I do have a mixed sense about furniture because I can do work sitting on informal and formal furniture. For example I like to do homework in an office chair, but I like to do classwork sitting on formal furniture. I think that only you can really know your learning style.

As you can see I enjoy working in a relaxed “office-like” classroom with dim light, cool temperatures, and good seating. I hope you respect my learning style like I respect yours. Learning styles really help people learn. I hope you know about learning styles now and understand why people have them and why they are important. It is important for teachers and students to know other people’s learning styles because not everybody learns the same way. In the future my learning style will give me success in school so I can achieve my goals which are to become an archeologist and a professor. When I am a professor I will let kids practice their learning styles in my class so they get better grades and feel comfortable while learning. Then they can achieve their goals too.

